

**Meeting of the  
Board of Medical Assistance Services  
600 East Broad Street, Suite 1300  
Richmond, Virginia**

**April 14, 2003**

**Present:**

James T. Parmelee (Vice Chairman)  
Rose C. Chu  
Phyllis L. Cothran  
Joseph Green-by phone  
Terone B. Green  
Manikoth G. Kurup, M.D.  
Elmer E. Neil, M.D.  
H. Scott Seal  
Robert D. Voogt, Ph.D.  
Marc Wheat  
Dorn V. Williams, Sr.-by phone

**Absent:**

None

**DMAS Staff:**

Patrick Finnerty, Director  
Cindi Jones, Chief Deputy  
Cheryl Roberts, Deputy Director for Operations  
Manju Ganeriwala, Deputy Director for Finance and  
Administration  
Craig Markva, Acting Director of the Office of  
Communications and Legislative Affairs  
Michael Jay, Director of Budget  
Tyris Blathers, Admin. Office Specialist III  
Paige Fitzgerald, Counsel to the Board

**Guests:**

Shari Draper, Pfizer, Inc.  
Richard Grossman, Vectre Corporation  
Hobart Harvey, VHCA  
Tony Harman, Pfizer, Inc.  
Michael Heinzmann, Purdue Pharmacy  
Ann Leigh Kerr, Troutman Sanders  
H.K. Lee, Eli Lilly & Co.  
Stacey Poole, TAP Pharmaceuticals

**Call to Order**

Mr. James T. Parmelee, Vice Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. Mr. Finnerty asked that the new Board members, Mr. Robert D. Voogt, Dr. Dorn V. Williams, Sr., and Ms. Phyllis Cothran, introduce themselves. (Ms. Cothran arrived a few minutes late and introduced herself when she arrived.)

Other DMAS staff and visitors attending the meeting also introduced themselves.

**Approval of Minutes from December 10, 2002 Meeting**

Mr. Parmelee asked for a motion to review and approve the Minutes of the December 10, 2002, meeting. Dr. Elmer Neil made the motion to accept the Minutes and Mr. Marc Wheat seconded. The vote was **10-yes (Chu, J. Green, T. Green, Kurup, Neil, Parmelee, Seal, Voogt, Wheat, and Williams); 0- no.** (Ms. Cothran had not yet arrived.)

**Budget Update**

Manju Ganeriwala, Deputy Director for Administration and Finance presented an overview of the budget actions approved by the 2003 Session of the General Assembly. Ms. Ganeriwala's presentation included information on the following topics: (i) Medicaid spending and enrollment by type of program; (ii) funding initiatives approved by the General Assembly; (iii) savings initiatives that the Department will be implementing during Fiscal Year 2004; and (iv) budget language amendments affecting various programs administered by the Department.

Board members asked several questions regarding various budget items included in the presentation. Mr. Finnerty noted that there will be a detailed presentation about the preferred drug list program at the next Board meeting. It also was noted that the orientation that will be provided to new Board members will include additional information on various budget issues.

### **Election of Chairman/Vice Chairman**

Pat Finnerty presided over the election of new Board Officers for the year. Mr. Finnerty opened the floor to accept nominations for Chairman. Mr. Terone Green nominated Dr. Neil; Mr. Wheat nominated Mr. Parmelee. Hearing no other nominations; Mr. Finnerty closed the floor for additional nominees. At the request of Mr. Joseph Green, Dr. Neil and Mr. Parmelee stated their vision for the Board and why they felt they should be elected as Chairman. The vote for Chairman was **8 for Dr. Neil (Chu, Cothran, T. Green, Kurup, Neil, Seal, Voogt, and Williams); 3 for Mr. Parmelee (J. Green, Parmelee, and Wheat).**

Mr. Finnerty opened the floor to accept nominations for Vice Chairman. Dr. Kurup nominated Ms. Chu; Mr. Wheat nominated Mr. Parmelee. Hearing no other nominations; Mr. Finnerty closed the floor for additional nominees. Ms. Chu and Mr. Parmelee stated their vision for the Board and why they felt they should be elected as Vice Chairman. The vote for Vice Chairman was **8 for Ms. Chu (Chu, Cothran, T. Green, Kurup, Neil, Seal, Voogt, and Williams); 3 for Mr. Parmelee (J. Green, Parmelee, and Wheat).**

### **Overview of General Assembly**

Craig Markva, Acting Director of the Office of Communications and Legislative Affairs, provided an overview of various legislation passed by the 2003 General Assembly that impacts the Department. There was discussion among the Board members regarding some of the legislation. Dr. Voogt requested some follow-up information on the provisions of HB 2741 and Senate Bill 1008. DMAS will send the requested information to each Board member.

### **Uninsured Medical Catastrophe Fund**

Mr. Finnerty presented an overview of the Uninsured Medical Catastrophe Fund (UCMF) program that provides payment for treatment of life-threatening medical conditions on behalf of qualified individuals. There was brief general discussion among the Board members about certain aspects of the program.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Medicaid Physician Advisory Committee**

Mr. Finnerty advised the Board that the first meeting of the Medicaid Physician Advisory Committee (MPAC) will be held on April 24, 2003 from 4-6 PM in the DMAS Board Room. Several BMAS members requested that they receive information about the MPAC meeting. Mr. Finnerty indicated that DMAS will send a notice to each BMAS member about the advisory committee meeting.

### **Subcommittee Members**

Mr. Parmelee asked the DMAS staff to send information regarding the two Board Subcommittees to each Board member so they could become familiar with each, and that appointments to the Subcommittees be held until the next Board meeting. The Board agreed with Mr. Parmelee's suggestion.

### **Regulatory Activity Summary**

There were no comments on the regulatory issues or updates.

### **New Business**

Mr. Parmelee asked if there was any new business; there was none.

### **Public Comment**

Mr. Parmelee asked if there was any public comment. No one had signed up for public comment.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Parmelee asked if there were any other questions or issues to come before the Board; hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 PM.